Non-Implementation of Cauvery Water Tribunal Award by Karnataka Government

1308. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the sharing of Cauvery Water was referred to the Tribunal which gave an Interim Award two years back but the same has not been implemented as yet by the Karnataka Government; and

(b) what steps Government of India propose to take for the implementation of the Interim Award?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was constituted on June, 2, 1990. After hearing Civil Miscellaneous Petition of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, the Tribunal gave an order on June, 25, 1991 giving interim relief to State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Accepting the opinion given by the Supreme Court, Government of India in accordance with Section 6 of Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, published the decision of the Tribunal in the Official Gazette on 10.12.1991, making it final and binding on the party states.

Further, in its Order dated April 3, 1992, the Tribunal Clarified that if in future a situation of distress is caused by the diminution in the supply of water in meeting the releases ordered, the method of pro-rata sharing of the distress can always be adopted. However, in case hereinafter there is any change of circumstance or undue hardship is caused in a particular year to any party, it will be open to such party to approach the Tribunal for apropriate orders.

Besides, above, a Standing Committee of Experts has also been constituted by Ministry of Water Resources on 21st January, 1994 to assess and reconcile the flows at Billigundulu as well as inflows into Mettur Reservoir. The water flowing downstream of Billigundulu Hydrological Observation Station enters Mettur dam reservoir after covering a distance of only 10 KMs.

Concessional rate of customs duty

1309. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DAMN attract concessional rate of customs duty of 25% on import in comparison to 50% on other drugs used for manufacturing anti T.B. drug;

(b) whether this concession has been passed on to the consumers and final drug Pyrazinamide made cheaper for the poor patients; and

(c) if so, the quantity imported during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Apart from concessional rate of customs duty applicable at the rate of 25% on DAMN (Di-amino Maleonitrite), there are other drug intermediates/raw materials used for manufacture of other anti-T.B. drugs which attract 0% as well as 25% customs duty.

(b) The bulk drug pyrazinamide is out of price control under the DPCO, 1995 and, therefore, the price of this bulk drug is not notified by the Government.

(c) Imports of bulk drug Pyrazinamide during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 were 1.00 MT and 5.00 MT respectively. Import of raw mateials/intermediates is not monitored by this Ministry.